

MEDICARE MODERNIZATION ACT

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine implementation of the Medicare Modernization Act regarding delivering prescription drugs to low-income beneficiaries eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid, dual eligibles, after receiv-

ing testimony from Mark B. McClellan, Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Tina Kitchin, Oregon Department of Human Services, Salem; Carl Clark, Mental Health Center of Denver, Denver, Colorado; and Wendy Gerlach, Roeschen's Omnicare Pharmacy, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 66 public bills, H.R. 1068–1133; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 82–86, and H. Res. 135–137, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative LaTourette to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Continuity in Representation Act of 2005: The House passed H.R. 841, to require States to hold special elections to fill vacancies in the House of Representatives not later than 45 days after the vacancy is announced by the Speaker of the House of Representatives in extraordinary circumstances, by voice vote. The voice vote was later vacated and the measure was passed by a recorded vote of 329 ayes to 68 noes, Roll No. 52.

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Rejected the Conyers motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on House Administration with instructions to report the bill back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 196 ayes to 223 noes, Roll No. 51.

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The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on House Administration, now printed in the bill, was considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment.

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Agreed To:

Manager's amendment that increases the time frame for expedited special elections to 49 days.

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Rejected:

Millender-McDonald amendment (made in order under H. Res. 125 and in lieu of amendment no. 1 printed in H. Rept. 109–10) providing that expedited special elections shall take place not later than 60 days after the Speaker of the House announces

that such vacancies exist (by a recorded vote of 192 ayes to 229 noes, Roll No. 49); and

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Jackson-Lee amendment (no. 2 printed in H. Rept. 109–10) that affects the time in which a person may file a lawsuit arising out of the Speaker's announcement of vacancies in excess of 100 (by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 50).

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The Baird motion that the Committee rise and strike the enacting clause was withdrawn.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: to require States to hold special elections to fill vacancies in the House of Representatives not later than 49 days after the vacancy is announced by the Speaker of the House of Representatives in extraordinary circumstances.

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H. Res. 125, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a voice vote.

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Agreed by voice vote to the Cole amendment to the rule that provides for the consideration of a manager's amendment and an amendment in lieu of the amendment numbered 1, printed in H. Rept. 109–10.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourn today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Monday, March 7, and further that when it adjourn on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8 for Morning Hour debate.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, March 9.

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Committee Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the Joint Economic Committee, in addition to Representative Saxton, appointed January 20, 2005: Representatives Ryan (WI), English (PA), Paul, Brady, McCotter, Maloney, Hinchey, Loretta Sanchez (CA), and Cummings.

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House of Representatives Page Board—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the House of Representatives Page Board: Representatives Shimkus and Capito. **Pages H977–78**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H965–66, H966–67, H969, H970. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CFTC REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing on the Reauthorization of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Testimony was heard from Sharon Brown-Hruska, Acting Chairman, CFTC.

Hearings continue March 9.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services. Testimony was heard from following officials of the USDA: J. B. Penn, Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services; James R. Little, Administrator, Farm Service Agency; A. Ellen Terpstra, Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service; Ross J. Davidson, Jr., Administrator, Risk Management Agency; and Dennis Kaplan, Budget Office.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Department of Homeland Security held a hearing on the Transportation Security Administration. Testimony was heard from David Stone, Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for the Transportation Security Administration.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Secretary of Health and Human Services. Testimony was heard from Michael O. Leavitt, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: John P. Woodley, Jr., Principal Deputy Secretary, (Civil Works); and LTG Carl Strock, USA, Chief of Engineers.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the Bureau of Reclamation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Gale A. Norton, Secretary; and John W. Keys, III, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held an oversight hearing on U.S. Geological Survey/Hazards: tsunamis, landslides, earthquakes. Testimony was heard from Charles G. Groat, Director, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the Forest Service. Testimony was heard from Dale Bosworth, Chief, Forest Service, USDA.

MILITARY QUALITY OF LIFE, AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Army Budget. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: GEN Peter T. Schoomaker, Chief of Staff; and Geoffrey Prosch, Acting Secretary, Installations and Environment.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Cental Command. Testimony was heard from GEN John P. Abizaid, USA, Commander, U.S. Central Command, Department of the Army.

CARE OF INJURED AND WOUNDED SERVICE MEMBERS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on the Care of Injured and Wounded Service Members. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: LTG F. L. Hagenbeck, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel, G-1 and MG Joseph Webb, USA, Deputy Surgeon General, both with the Department of the Army; VADM Gerald Hoewing, USN, Chief of Naval Personnel; VADM, Donald C. Arthur, USN, Surgeon General and LTG H.P. Osman, USMC, Deputy Commandant, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, all with the Department of the Navy; LTG Roger A. Brady, USAF, Deputy Chief of